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Below is the text of a congratulatory message from the Members of Parliament of the Sam Rainsy Party to The Honorable Barack Obama, the President-elect:

Begin text:

Phnom Penh, 5 November 2008

Dear President-elect Obama,

We, Members of Parliament of the Sam Rainsy Party, the leading opposition party in Cambodia, sincerely congratulate you and all Americans living in the USA and abroad for making the choice for change. Your victory today represents a triumph for democratic values, for an America that will embrace the differences and diversities of her people. Your call for change was heard by millions and we are confident that actions will be taken in the months ahead to ensure that the message of hope you displayed throughout your presidential campaign will be realized.

There are many hurdles that lay ahead but with your leadership we know they will be overcome. Your election signifies real change in the political landscape and a commitment to improve the country for all citizens, regardless of race, creed or social standing.

Your election in America resonates deeply with the Cambodian people. America leads the world in the promotion of civil liberties, and Cambodia is its partner in this mission.

Sincerely,
/signed/

Sam Rainsy and Members of Parliament of the Sam Rainsy Party

End text.

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